Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) No.

(2) and (3). These do not arise in view of the answer to part (1).

Refusal of licenses to motor buses in Chittur.

13. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) why and under what section of the Municipal Regulation have the Chittur Municipal Council refused licenses to motor buses—buses which start service from Chittur and come back to Chittur for the night;

(2) if the refusal has not the sanction of the Government, what action do the Government propose to take to avoid repetition of such acts;

(3) if it is with the approval of the Government, under what authority have the Government sanctioned it;

(4) is it a fact that service cars are given licenses by the said Municipality;

(5) if so, why should not the buses also be given licenses?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) The licenses were refused as the Chairman thought that the vehicles referred to did not become liable to be taxed under the provisions of section 50 and 51 of the Municipal Regulation.

(2) Government have not issued any orders in the matter. The general question as to whether such buses, etc., are entitled to receive licenses or not is, however, pending decision with the Government. Government action in this case will depend upon the final decision of the general question.

(3) No answer is necessary in view of answer to (2).

(4) No.

(5) Does not arise in view of answer to (4).

Murder cases.

14. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) (a) how many murder cases were reported to the Police in 1104 and 1105;

(b) how many of those were charge-sheeted;

(c) how many were personally investigated and case diaries written by the Commissioner of Police;

(d) whether any cases referred by the Police were afterwards taken up by the Magistrate; if so, how were they disposed of;

(e) how many cases other than murder cases have been personally investigated and case diaries written by the Commissioner of Police in the year 1104;

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(2) (a) how many cases under the Motor Regulation have been departmentally dealt with by the Commissioner of Police in 1104;

(b) in how many of these have explanations been obtained or demanded before action;

(c) how many cases under the Motor Regulation (alone or along with other Regulations) have been withdrawn from court under orders from the Commissioner of Police in 1104, giving the station number, gist of offence in each case, the names of the accused in each and the reasons for such withdrawal?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) (a) 7 in 1104 and 2 in 1105 up-to-date.

(b) All.

(c) 4 cases of 1104 and 1 of 1105 were personally looked into by the Commissioner. It was only in the way of supervision and no case diary was written.

(d) No answer is necessary in view of answer to (b).

(e) All important cases received the personal attention of the Commissioner of Police. No case diary was written by the Commissioner.

(2) (a) 80.

(b) 40.

(c) 4 cases.

(1) *Kunnamkulam Crime No.44 of 1104*,—for not observing the scheduled timings. Driver Iyyukutti and conductor Cheriakku were warned. As the offence was of a trivial nature, the charge was withdrawn.

(2) *Vadakkancheri Crime No. 14 of 1104*—for not keeping the tail light bright. The Police prosecuted the owner Mr. T. K. Nayar for this. It was found that the driver alone was responsible. His explanation was that the light went out of order suddenly. He was, therefore, warned and the charge against the owner withdrawn.

(3) *Palayannur Crime No. 6 of 1104*—for not carrying the "G" permit with the vehicle. The Police prosecuted the owner Mr. T. K. Nayar. The papers were in the Head Office and the owner was not at fault. The charge was, therefore, withdrawn.

(4) *Nemmara Crime No. 12 of 1104*—for not carrying the "G" permit and Brake Certificate. The owner Muthuswami Goundan and driver Madhava Menon were the accused. The party had obtained the permit, but only failed to carry it in the vehicle. A lenient view was taken and the charge was withdrawn.

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